

**Regular Council Meeting
January 10, 2012**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of past minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular city council meetings of October 27 and November 8, 2011 as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

No planning issues were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No legal issues were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineering report

No report was given.

IV. Old Business

1. Electrical proposals for meter splits/Freeport Regional Sports Complex

Due to issues with the original drawings and the questions regarding the scope of work of received submittals, Councilman Taunton motioned to approve Preble-Rish to re-design the split of the

electrical meters and advertise for proposals, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no council or public discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Extension of impact fee waiver/North Bay expansion area

Councilman King motioned to extend the impact fee waiver for new residential customers in the North Bay expansion area until June 15, 2012, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Mayor Marse informed council that Century Link has trenched a length along Highway 20 ahead of our contractors, in an area that the City is required to bore through the archaeological spot. Council agreed to allow Attorney Adkinson to proceed with issuing a letter to Eglin regarding the possible existence of different requirements for different utility companies.

V. New Business

1. Relocation of model home/Owl's Head

Mr. Shelton Stone, general manager of Owl's Head, requested approval to move a model home, currently on the east side of 331 Business, to a location directly behind the sales center on the west side of 331 Business. There is no plan to utilize the building at this time. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the relocation of the model home, subject to the condition that it not be used as a residential dwelling, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Travel for employee conferences (budgeted items)

Councilman King motioned to approve payment for staff attendance at the following conferences:

Florida Rural Water – FL/AL joint conference/Panama City/May 9-11

Florida Assoc of City Clerks – Summery Academy/St. Augustine/June 10-13

Florida League of Cities – Annual Conference/Hollywood/Aug 23-25

FL Chapter American Planning Assoc – Annual Conference/Naples/Sept 12-15

Florida Assoc of City Clerks – Fall Academy/Orlando/Oct 14-19

Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Councilwoman Brannon thanked the Town Planters for the upkeep of the triangle area. She also informed council that she would be going with the NWFLC legislative committee for lobbying in the next couple weeks and let her know if there were any specific items that the council wanted addressed.

VII. Public Comment

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President